



(The Original Building, 1856)

KISHACOQUILLAS SEMINARY

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1854-1878

KISHACOQUILLAS VALLEY

MIFFLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ITS FOUNDERS AND FACULTY

ISSUED BY THE
ALUMNI
1930

BUILDINGS AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Seminary building is of brick, four stories high, and well adapted to the co-education of the sexes. A large piazza has recently been erected, with special reference to the ladies exercising in unpleasant weather. The rooms are well ventilated, heated with hot air, and are furnished with every article of furniture necessary, except towels. The ladies' rooms are carpeted. Students from abroad, unless with near relatives, are required to reside in the Institution. This is necessary to secure regular hours for study. Each student should be provided with towels, and a pair of slippers; their full name indelibly written on each piece of clothing.

GOVERNMENT

Is mild and parental, but at the same time firm and decided. All that is required of the pupils is to do right; and this will be secured by cultivating a regard for principle and honor, rather than by compulsion. No vicious, idle, or disobedient pupils will be retained. A daily record is kept of the recitations and deportment of students, and regularly transmitted to parents and guardians at the close of each session.

RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE.

The Principal feels that he is, to a certain extent, responsible for the MORAL as well as the mental growth of those committed to his care; hence, daily religious exercises at the opening of school, and family prayers in the evening, are regularly observed. A part of each Sabbath is devoted to Bible instructions, and in this way we aim to secure for those entrusted to our care all the influence and proper restraints of a Christian home. Students will enjoy the advantages of religious services every Sabbath; a Presbyterian clergyman officiating three Sabbaths in each month, and a Methodist the fourth.

Sectarianism will be strictly avoided, while the cardinal principles of Christianity will be earnestly inculcated. A weekly prayer-meeting will be held, conducted by the teachers.

Students are required to attend Bible Class and Preaching on the Sabbath.

SESSIONS AND VACATIONS.

The Seminary year of forty weeks is divided into three terms. The Fall term, of sixteen weeks, commences on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2d, and closes on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th; the Winter term, of twelve weeks, commences on MONDAY, JANUARY 6th, and closes on FRIDAY, MARCH 26th; the Spring Session, of twelve weeks, commences on the first ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Thursday} APRIL 3th, and closes JUNE 24th; thus having a vacation of two weeks during the holidays, a few days between the Winter and Spring terms, and the long vacation at the close of the school year, during the warm weather, when students and teachers need rest and recreation.

EXPENSES.

Boarding, Tuition, Light, Fuel, and Furnished	
Room, per year, - - - -	\$180.
For Fall term, sixteen weeks, - - - -	72.
" Winter term, twelve weeks, - - - -	54.
" Spring " " " - - - -	51.

A deduction of fifteen per cent. in favor of young men studying for the ministry.

Tuition for day scholars in English branches	
per year, - - - -	\$29
Tuition for day scholars, Classical course - -	11

EXTRA CHARGES.

Instrumental music, two lessons, with use of instrument for daily practice, per week	\$ 1.00
Languages, for the year, - - - -	12.00
Oil Painting, thirty lessons, - - - -	10.00
Pastel Painting, thirty lessons, - - - -	8.00
Sketching and Drawing, thirty lessons, - - - -	5.00
Water Colors, thirty lessons, - - - -	5.00
Use of Library, per year, - - - -	1.50
Washing, per dozen, - - - -	60
Incidentals, per term, - - - -	25

TERMS OF PAYMENT.

One half of the boarding and tuition is to be paid on entrance, and the balance at the middle of the term. It is im-

KISHACOQUILLAS SEMINARY

AND

NORMAL INSTITUTE

Is designed to prepare young ladies and gentlemen for College, Business, or Teaching, to afford every facility and aid for acquiring an accurate knowledge of Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Classics, and of all those branches, both solid and ornamental, which constitute a complete education. This is accomplished by the assiduous labors of earnest and efficient teachers. Special attention is given to the common English branches, including Penmanship, Spelling, Elocution, &c.

ORGANIZATION.

This Institution is organized on the principle that both sexes, under proper restraints, should be educated together.

This seems to be in accordance with the design of Providence in the constitution of society, and experience has proven it to be the true plan.

There is no association of the sexes *except in the presence of the teachers.*

LOCATION.

This Institution is located in Kishacoquillas Valley, Mifflin county, Penna., and is evidently one of the most beautiful and healthy valleys in the State; removed from sinks of vice and the contaminating influences which they are calculated to exert over the minds of the young and unsuspecting; surrounded by an industrious and enterprising people; with an abundant supply of fresh mountain air and pure water. Parents can send their sons and daughters, having the assurance that both their physical and moral constitution will receive ample attention.

John P. Bee

Annual Catalogue

OF

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AND

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Kishacoquillas, Mifflin County, Penna.

CHARTERED IN 1854.

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portant that students should attend regularly; hence no deduction will be made for absences, except in case of *protracted* sickness.

LITERARY ADVANTAGES.

In addition to the usual exercises in declamation and composition, opportunity for further practice will be afforded in the Literary Association connected with the Institution. Students have also access to a Library.

SETTLEMENT OF BILLS.

Bills unsettled at the close of the session will be on interest.

TEXT BOOKS.

Books furnished at Philadelphia prices for cash, but students should provide themselves with a Bible and some commentary on the New Testament.

ACCESS.

Students arriving at Lewistown by the Penna. Central R.R., will take the Mifflin and Centre county R.R. to Reedsville, thence by stage four miles to the Seminary.

APPLICATIONS.

Application should be made some weeks previous to the opening of the term, so that rooms may be selected and other arrangements made. For further particulars, address

J. M. BELL,
KISHACOQUILLAS, MIFFLIN CO., PA.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS.

1. Students who board in the Seminary from the vicinity of the school, will not be allowed to visit their homes more than once a month, unless at the request of parents.

2. Students who cannot board at home, are required to board in the Institution, unless permission is given by the Principal to board elsewhere.

3. Lady students are required to take exercise regularly, accompanied by one of the teachers. At no other time are they allowed to leave the grounds without permission of the Principal.

4. Gentlemen are allowed to walk for exercise in the vicinity of the School, but no one will otherwise absent himself without permission of the Principal.

5. Students must be punctual at meals, under penalty of forfeiting them.

6. Students must provide themselves with slippers, and avoid all unnecessary noise in the building.

7. The use of tobacco in any form is prohibited in or about the buildings.

8. Profane and obscene language, and all games of chance, are strictly prohibited.

9. Students are not allowed to visit the kitchen or dining room without permission.

10. Students shall repair to their rooms at the ringing of the bell for study, and no one is allowed to enter another's room during recitation, nor after the ringing of second bell in the evening.

11. Writing on walls, windows, or doors, is strictly prohibited.

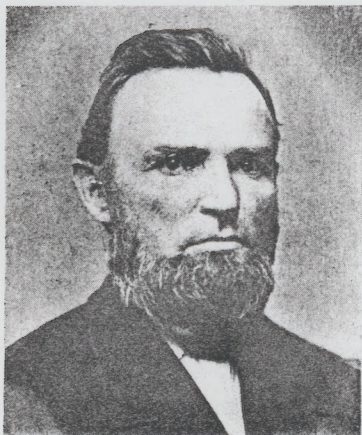
12. Each student will be held accountable for damage done to his room or its furniture, or which he may do to any part of the building.

13. No water or other material must be thrown from the windows.

14. Students must conduct themselves at table in a becoming manner, and not leave before the rest, without permission from a Teacher.

15. No lady or gentleman of this Institution will be allowed to walk or ride with a person of the opposite sex, without permission of the Principal.

PROF. MARTIN MOHLER, A.B.



MARTIN MOHLER was born in Cumberland County, Pa., on March 20, 1830.

During his boyhood he availed himself of every opportunity of securing a preliminary education, taking his final preparatory year at Kishacoquillas Seminary in 1857-1858.

He then entered Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and was graduated in 1860 with the degree of A. B., being one of the three members of that class,

the second graduating class of that institution.

He then returned to Pennsylvania and engaged in teaching, it being his ambition to devote his life to educational work. After teaching for several years he was elected Superintendent of Schools of Mifflin County in 1864, succeeding Professor Azariah Smith, and served until 1868 when he resigned, being succeeded by Professor John M. Bell.

He bought Kishacoquillas Seminary from Professor S. Z. Sharp, in 1865, and continued as Principal until 1871, when he retired on account of ill health and sold the Seminary to Professor John M. Bell.

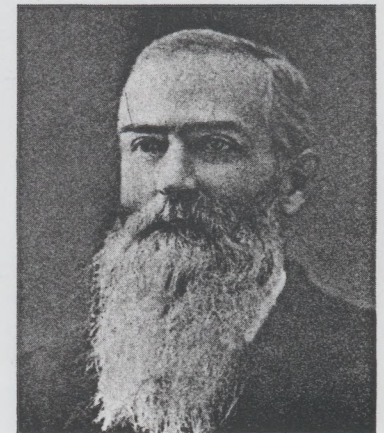
He removed to Osborne County, Kansas, in 1871, and engaged in agriculture for a time. In 1888 he was elected Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, when he removed to Topeka.

In his official position he suggested many improved methods that have helped to make Kansas one of the best agricultural States in the Union.

He died at Topeka, Kansas, on the anniversary of his birth, March 20, 1903.

PROF. JOHN McCARTNEY BELL

JOHN McCARTNEY BELL was born December 21, 1826, and died July 3, 1887. His entire life was devoted to educational interests in Mifflin County, Penna., excepting the closing eight years which were given to business, first with the Fearon Mann Axe Factory, near Bellefonte, and second at Mount Union, where, in association with his oldest son, William T. Bell, he established the insurance business of J. M. Bell & Son.



He was gifted as a musician and used to conduct "Singing Schools" which brought him into prominence, along with the fact that, for many years, he "lifted the tune" in the Milroy Presbyterian Church, prior to the days of organs and choirs. He was also a Ruling Elder in this church and an active Christian.

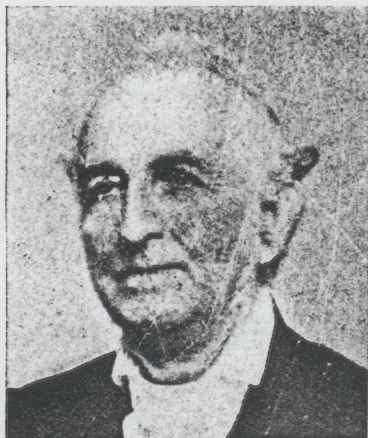
But teaching was his ruling passion, and after more than a decade with the public schools of the county, including two terms as County Superintendent, he associated himself with Martin Mohler as Assistant Principal in Kishacoquillas Seminary, of which institution he became owner, in 1871, and continued to direct it until 1878, when, because of a constantly depleted local constituency, along with the competition of the State Normal Schools, then being founded, he closed the Seminary and sold the building.

On April 5, 1849, Professor Bell was married to Henrietta Haller who became a gracious and loving mother to their five children and a loyal and devoted contributor to her husband's success, particularly during his control of the Seminary.

PETER WILLARD

The Committee regret that they were unable, after most careful research, to find any biographical or historical data in regard to Professor Peter Willard. It is a great disappointment to them that they could not add a biographical sketch of Professor Willard, and his photograph, in order to complete the list of Principals of the Seminary.

PROFESSOR, REV.
SAMUEL HIGGINS McDONALD, A.B.



REV. SAMUEL HIGGINS McDONALD was born near Kingston, N. J., October 8, 1809.

He received his preliminary education in the local schools and was graduated from Princeton University with honor in 1828.

He taught for several years after graduation, serving as tutor in Princeton University in 1832.

He entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1831 and was graduated in 1834, and was ordained by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, New Jersey, on Octo-

ber 7, 1835. He served as Home Missionary and stated supply, Cumberland, Maryland, 1834-42, stated supply Millerstown, Pennsylvania, 1842-44, stated supply West Kishacoquillas 1845 and pastor 1846-55. He was stated supply at Fairmont, West Virginia, 1855-56.

Teacher Haysville, Ohio, from 1856 to 1860.

Professor of Mathematics, Latin and Greek at Kishacoquillas Seminary from 1860 to the close of the school in 1878. He taught in Lewisburg, Pa., from 1878 to 1892, when he retired from active work.

He died in Lewisburg, Pa., on January 18, 1895.

A BELOVED TEACHER.

History of the First Reunion

SEPTEMBER 1, 1927

It seems fitting that, following this exhibit of the Principals of the Seminary, something should be said of the two men, to whom more than others, the reunions of the students, after the many years of separation, are to be credited. These men are G. T. Cooper and J. C. Swigart, who, by their persistence in letter-writing and advertising, made the first reunion such a success, that its repetition again and again has been demanded by the Alumni. Of course a few others encouraged them and J. C. Swigart was such an efficient secretary that immediately, on the formation of the Alumni Association, he was chosen its secretary and has been continued in the office at each annual meeting, but the chief honor must be given to the irrepressible" Cooper, as he was called even in his schooldays. This force of character was needed to carry him forward to the first reunion, for some doubted the possibility of awaking much enthusiasm after the passing of nearly half a century, since the closing of the institution, but Cooper would not surrender his ambition, and the result was the first assembly of forty students, with many friends, on the campus of Old Kishacoquillas Seminary, September 1, 1927, and the second assembly, a year later, August 30, 1928, with thirty-five alumni present and the third assembly, with over thirty present, August 29, 1929.

It was at the second reunion that Dr. McCluney Radcliffe proposed the erection of a suitable monument to commemorate the institution, even while the old building remains and particularly, in the event of its destruction in after years, and it was at the dedication of this monument, August 29, 1929, that the suggestion was made which has resulted in this interesting record, which the Committee passes to the Alumni, in the hope that it may be greatly treasured and awaken many happy memories every time that it is seen and read.

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Was Erected

On This Site In 1854-1855

By THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Of This Valley

Trustees

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Principals

PROF. H. S. ALEXANDER, A. B. (1856-1858)
and
PROF. L. G. GREER, A. B. (1856-1857)
PROF. PETER WILLARD (1858-1859)
PROF. S. Z. SHARP (1860-1865)
PROF. MARTIN MOHLER (1865-1871)
PROF. JOHN M. BELL (1871-1878)

Teachers

REV. S. H. MACDONALD, A. B.	MISS ANNIE H. ROHRER
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"Erected by the Alumni in Grateful Remembrance."
AUGUST 29, 1929.

The above is a copy of the inscription on the Monument on page 37



Monument Erected in Memory of
KISHACOQUILLAS SEMINARY
1854-1855

Copy of the wording on the above tablet on page 36

Course of Study.

FIRST YEAR.

Geography,
Readers,
Mental Arithmetic,
Written Arithmetic,
Elements of Algebra,
Grammar, Teacher's Ed.,

(GREEN'S for advanced pupils.)

Natural Philosophy,
Physical Geography,
Book Keeping,
Astronomy,

SMITH.
HILLARD.
BROOKS.
BROOKS.
DAVIES.
FEWSMITH.

PARKER.
WARREN.
CRITTENDEN.
SMITH.

SECOND YEAR.

Higher Algebra,
Geometry,
Physiology,
Geology,
Botany,
Chemistry,
Political Economy,
Universal History,

GREENLEAF.
LOOMIS.
JARVIS.
TENNY.
GRAY.
STÖCKHARDT.
WAYLAND.
WILLSON.

THIRD YEAR.

Natural Theology,
Intellectual Philosophy,
Rhetoric,
Trigonometry, Surveying, Anal. Geometry,
Logic,
Moral Science,
Analogy,
American Literature,

PALEY.
HAVEN.
QUACKENBOS.
LOOMIS.
WHATELY.
WAYLAND.
BUTLER.
CLEVELAND.

Exercises in Penmanship, Composition and Declamation throughout the course.

Students who complete the above course, satisfactorily, will receive a Diploma.

Science of Teaching.

Wickersham's School Economy, and Methods of Teaching.

LATIN.

Bullions' Grammar, Reader, Lincoln's Horace and Livy,
Caesar and Virgil, Arnold's Prose Composition.
Johnson's Cicero's Orations.

GREEK.

Crosby's Grammar, Owen's Homer's Odyssey,
Johnston's Herodotus, Plato's Georgias,
Anthon's Memorabilia,
Woodbury's German Series.

From Lewistown Gazette of July 10, 1878.

Kishacoquillas Seminary.

This institution closed another year on Friday, June 28, and the occasion was a gala day for the people in the Valley. At an early hour they began to come in from various directions. By 10:30 a. m. the audience room of the Seminary was filled to its utmost capacity by former students, who gave one another a hearty greeting as thus they renewed old associations, and by friends of the school, among whom were a number from Lewistown. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. A. H. Parker. The programme that followed has already been given in these columns. The young gentlemen and ladies acquitted themselves with credit. Perhaps the best thing in the exercises was the debate on the question, *Resolved*, "That the advancement of civil liberty is more indebted to intellectual culture than to physical suffering." The four young men who discussed this question showed that they possessed many of the qualities of good debaters in a high degree. The committee, consisting of Rev. A. H. Parker, Supt. McClenahan, and Principal W. H. Schuyler, of Lewistown Academy, decided in favor of the affirmative. The valedictorian, S. T. Walker, deserves special mention for his effort on this occasion. Many others could be mentioned who did well. Principal J. M. Bell, at the close of the exercises, after a pleasant and appropriate address, presented diplomas to the two graduates, W. P. MacLay and S. T. Walker. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. H. Platt. After some time passed in pleasant converse by the various groups scattered here and there about the buildings and grounds, all were invited to the dining room and there enjoyed a bountiful repast provided by the generous principal. Then the visitors began to say farewell, and departed feeling that they had spent a pleasant day at this "School in the Valley."